

Guidelines for Allocation of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to Non-Healthcare Settings

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Dear Partners,

Due to the high demand for Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and continued necessity to protect our community, government based essential functions, critical infrastructure and the North Carolinian workforce, the State Emergency Response Team has developed the below list to guide allocation of donated and manufactured Tier III & Tier IV PPE that are ideal for use in non-healthcare settings: (<https://files.nc.gov/ncdhs/documents/files/covid-19/Classification-of-North-Carolina-Issued-Personal-Protective-Equipment-PPE.pdf>).

In addition to local manufacturing and donations, the federal government has sourced many of these Tier III & Tier IV PPE for state-level distribution. The State Emergency Response Team does not have the ability to source and procure enough PPE for all entities and the below list should be considered for coordination with partners and affiliated associations as supplies become available through donations and federal government allocations.

PPE options for non-healthcare settings includes:

- Non-Medical Gloves
- Disposable Face Coverings
- Washable Face Coverings

Group 1 & 2 are all included in the “Guidelines for Allocation of Personal Protective Equipment to Healthcare Settings”

Group 3: Government Based Essential Functions

- Judicial
- Elections
- Division of Social Services
- State Employees
- Schools/School Transportation

Group 4: Food and Agriculture

- Food manufacturing
- Farm, ranch, and agribusiness
- Food Distribution

Group 5: Community Partners

- Clergy & Faith Based
- Community Based Organizations
- Marginalized & Underserved Populations

Group 6: Other Critical Infrastructure

- <https://www.fema.gov/news-release/2020/04/22/coronavirus-covid-19-pandemic-addressing-ppe-needs-non-healthcare-setting>

PPE is provided based on this grouping schedule regardless of urban/rural/tribal, nonprofit/for-profit agency. The North Carolina State Emergency Response Team Unified Command may modify these criteria based on emerging response needs.



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